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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW AND MAKE  
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON EDUCATIONAL  
OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN.

WHEREAS, the average child of a military family attends  
six to nine different school systems during the child's school  
career; and

WHEREAS, children of military families are often placed  
incorrectly in grades because their official transcripts come  
from other states or overseas, and some districts will not  
accept unofficial transcripts until official transcripts  
arrive; and

WHEREAS, children of military families often face  
obstacles to graduating on time or in participating in honors  
or advanced placement courses because of different graduation

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1 and course requirements in the different states; and

2 WHEREAS, children of military families often face  
3 obstacles to participating in extracurricular activities  
4 because of their late arrival during the school year or because  
5 of perceptions that they will only remain at a school  
6 temporarily; and

7 WHEREAS, children of military families deserve the same  
8 opportunities for educational success and advancement as other  
9 children attending public schools in New Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity  
11 for Military Children is an attempt on the part of states to  
12 coordinate their efforts to remove educational barriers facing  
13 children of military families;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that, if House Bill 311, or similar  
16 legislation of the forty-ninth legislature, first session, does  
17 not become law, the public education department be requested to  
18 convene a task force that includes teachers and administrators  
19 from school districts with a high concentration of military  
20 children, representatives of the military community, a  
21 representative from the attorney general's office and other  
22 relevant and interested parties to review and make  
23 recommendations regarding the Interstate Compact on Educational  
24 Opportunity for Military Children; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force determine which

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1 components of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity  
2 for Military Children are currently being substantially  
3 implemented in New Mexico and which components are not  
4 currently being substantially implemented; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force study the  
6 implications of enacting the Interstate Compact on Educational  
7 Opportunity for Military Children, including the monetary and  
8 legal obligations imposed by the compact and any areas of state  
9 law that will be superseded by the compact; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force examine  
11 available methods, other than the enactment of the Interstate  
12 Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, for  
13 removing educational barriers facing children of military  
14 families; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its  
16 findings to the public education department and the legislative  
17 education study committee by October 1, 2009; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
19 transmitted to the secretary of public education and the  
20 legislative education study committee.